

MINUTES
October 29, 2009
9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Jeff Goltz, Chairman
Philip Jones, Commissioner
Pat Oshie, Commissioner

The Regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on October 29, 2009, by Chairman Goltz.

E)1. 1-000 Consent Agenda

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to approve the consent agenda and direct the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Commissioner seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

UTILITIES:

A)1. 2-09 Docket Number UE-091515; Pacific Power & Light Company ; Reflects changes to Schedule 115 - Commercial & Industrial Energy Efficiency Incentives - Optional for Qualifying Customers and Schedule 125 - Commercial & Industrial Energy Services - Optional for Qualifying Customers. Tariff Revision

Appearances: David Nightingale

The commission took no action thereby allowing the proposed Energy Efficiency program in Docket UE-091515 and the System Benefit Charge increase in docket UE-091516, to become effective October 30, 2009, by operation of law.

A)2. 2:09 Docket Number UE-091516; Pacific Power & Light Company; Increases Schedule 191 - Systems Benefits Charge Adjustment. Tariff Revision

Appearances: David Nightingale, staff

The commission took no action thereby allowing the proposed Energy Efficiency program in Docket UE-091515 and the System Benefit Charge increase in docket UE-091516, to become effective October 30, 2009, by operation of law.

A)3.4:38 Docket Number UG-091371; Northwest Natural Gas Company ; Revises rates to reflect changes in Purchased Gas Costs due to changes in wholesale gas and pipeline transportation costs. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Joanna Huang

The commission took no action, thereby allowing the substitute tariffs filed by Northwest Natural Gas Company in Docket UG-091371 to become effective November 1, 2009, by operation of law.

A)4. 8:05Docket Number UG-091399; Avista Corporation dba: Avista Utilities; Reflects a decrease in the natural gas decoupling deferral recovery rate. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds; Mary Kimball, AAG. Public Counsel; John Popp, Avista Corporation

The commission took no action thereby allowing Avista Corporation's proposed decoupling surcharge tariff revisions filed in docket UG-091399 on October 22, 2009, to become effective November 1, 2009, by operation of law.

A)5.18:03 and 2:51:39 Docket Number UG-091462; Avista Corporation dba: Avista Utilities; Revises rates to reflect changes in Purchased Gas Costs due to changes in wholesale gas and pipeline transportation costs. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Danny Kermode, staff; Sally Brown, AAG; Brian Hirskorn, Avista Corporation

The commission took no action thereby allowing the tariff filings made by Avista Corporation (Avista or company) in Docket UG-091462 to take effect November 1, 2009, by operation of law.

A)6.35:45Docket Number PG-091440; Puget Sound Energy ; Requests approval to operate the Everett Delta pipeline at a pressure exceeding 500 pounds per square inch gauge. Petition for Exemption

Appearances: Al Jones, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to Grant Puget Sound Energy's request to operate the Everett Delta pipeline at a pressure greater than 500 pounds per square inch gauge subject to the following conditions:

- (a) PSE shall not operate the Everett Delta pipeline in excess of 960 psig without further Commission approval.
- (b) Remote telemetry units (RTU) monitor the pressure in the system. The RTU polls system pressure every 3 seconds. PSE will monitor the pressure 24-hours a day in PSE's 24-Hour Operations Center.
- (c) PSE will conduct leak surveys in accordance with PSE Operating Standard 2625.1100. The survey will be conducted annually, not to exceed 15 months.

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

TRANSPORTATION:

B)1. 38:20Docket Number TG-091472; Waste Management of Washington, Inc. dba: Waste Management of Ellensburg; New Tariff No. 11 for Waste Management of Ellensburg reflecting a general rate increase of approximately \$99,925 (5.9 percent) of additional annual revenue at staff recommended revised rates. The company serves 3,070 customers in Kittitas County. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Nicki Johnson

The Commission took no action, allowing the revised rates to become effective November 1, 2009, by operation of law.

B)2.40:18 Docket Number TG-091685; Points Recycling and Refuse, LLC Consideration of request for expedited temporary (30 days) solid waste certificate to provide on-call special cleanup/pickup services and on-call and permanent drop box service in Point Roberts Washington.

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff; Arthur Wilkowski, Points Recycling; David Gallantly, Freedom 2000, LLC; Penny Lempress, Whatcom County

This item has been continued.

OTHER:

C)1. Docket Number A-091590; Utilities and Transportation; Howard Hanson Dam-Green River Valley emergency plan presentations. Regulated companies with operations in the Auburn, Kent, Renton and Tukwila potential flood impact area will make presentations. Presentations will be made by solid waste companies Allied/Rabanco and Waste management. A gas presentation will be made by Williams Gas. Telecommunications company presentations will be made by AT&T, Comcast, Qwest and T-Mobile. The information will focus on exposure to flooding, communications and mitigation. Special Presentation

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Attested by _____
David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary